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RONALD H. NESSEN PAPERS, 1974-77

Press Secretary to the President

Audiovisual Materials

Summary Description

The Ron Nessen Papers audiovisual materials are arranged in two series. The Audiovisual Transfers from the Textual Collection Series consists of photographs, a 16 mm motion picture film strip, and an audio recording related to Nessen's role as Press Secretary to President Ford. The film strip contains footage of Gerald Ford appointing Ron Nessen as Press Secretary. The audio cassette contains a recording of Nessen speaking before the National Press Club. A few photographs relate to Nessen's personal life, including a trip to Mackinac Island and a picture of Andrew Sherling, high school classmate. Most of the photographs are official White House photographs, including pictures released to the press in Europe prior to President Ford's visit and images of Ford's first year in office.

The Audio Diary Recordings series contains audio recordings that document Nessen's account of day-to-day operations within the Ford administration as well as his relationships with other White House staff members. Corresponding transcripts for selected recordings are located in the textual series. This subseries also contains a recording of Nessen speaking to the National Press Club and a cassette labeled "GRF – TV."

QUANTITY

59 photographs, 1 16mm motion picture film strip, 40 audio cassettes, 1 audio micro-cassette

DONOR

Ron Nessen (80-12, 80-32, 85-32) Mr. Nessen donated accretions of papers in October 1992 (93-NLF-001) and May 2012 (2012-NLF-036).

ACCESS

Partially open. Some audio recordings may be temporarily restricted under terms of the donor's deed of gift, a copy of which is available on request, or under National Archives and Records Administration general restrictions (36 CFR 1256).

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Box 1 – Audiovisual Transfers from the Textual Collection

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	0204-A-002	Andrew Sherling, high school classmate of Ron Nessen, color (Box 5, “Correspondence – Congratulatory Letters: S”)
2	0204-A-004	Gerald Ford in Oval Office, 08/18/1974, 8x10, B/W [Ford White House photograph A0181-07] (Box 21, “President – Report in First Year in Office (1)”)
	0204-A-005 to 006	Labor Day Weekend Trip to Camp David – Gerald Ford playing tennis, 09/01/1974, 8x10, B/W [Ford White House photograph A0449-17] (Box 21, “President – Report in First Year in Office (1)”)
	0204-A-007 to 008	Bicentennial of the First Continental Congress – Gerald Ford looking at the Liberty Bell, 09/07/1974, 8x10, B/W [Ford White House photograph A0610-27] (Box 21, “President – Report in First Year in Office (1)”)
	0204-A-009	Breakfast Meeting for Bipartisan Congressional Leaders – Gerald Ford and Senator Mike Mansfield, 09/18/1974, 8x10, B/W [Ford White House photograph. A0879-8A] (Box 21, “President – Report in First Year in Office (1)”)
	0204-A-010	Gerald Ford and Donald Rumsfeld, 09/29/1974, 8x10, B/W [Ford White House photograph A1110-28A] (Box 21, “President – Report in First Year in Office (1)”)
	0204-A-011	Gerald Ford, O’Donnell, Todd, and Rumsfeld seated around table, talking, Gerald Ford wearing pajamas, during trip to Japan, 11/19/1974, 8x10, B/W [Ford White House photograph A2046-15A] (Box 21, “President – Report in First Year in Office (1)”)
	0204-A-012 to 013	Return from American Freedom Train Ceremony – Gerald Ford walking from South Driveway to Oval Office, 12/19/1974, 8x10, B/W [Ford White House photograph A2541-3A] (Box 21, “President – Report in First Year in Office (1)”)
	0204-A-014 to 015	Gerald Ford at his first meeting with new Vice President Nelson Rockefeller, 12/21/1974, 8x10, B/W [Ford White House photograph A2567-6] (Box 21, “President – Report in First Year in Office (1)”)
3	0204-A-016 to 017	Gerald Ford at a meeting to discuss energy and economic proposals with Governors from the Northeastern U.S., 8x10, B/W, 01/23/1975 [Ford White House photograph A2932-16] (Box 21, “President – Report in First Year in Office (1)”)
	0204-A-018	Gerald Ford meeting with various advisors to discuss unemployment, 02/07/1975, 8x10, B/W [Ford White House photograph A3154-06] (Box 21, “President – Report in First Year in Office (1)”)
	0204-A-019	Gerald Ford at a Cabinet Meeting, 04/16/1975, 8x10, B/W [Ford White House photograph A4070-13A] (Box 21, “President – Report in First Year in Office (1)”)
	0204-A-020 to 021	Gerald Ford at a National Security Meeting (3:52 p.m.) regarding the seizure

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		of the SS <i>Mayaguez</i> , 05/14/1975, 8x10, B/W [Ford White House photograph A4540-10] (Box 21, "President – Report in First Year in Office (1)")
3	0204-A-022	Telephone conversation regarding the seizure of the SS <i>Mayaguez</i> , Gerald Ford seated and James Schlesinger standing talking on the phone, 05/14/1975, 8x10, B/W [Ford White House photograph A4541-28A] (Box 21, "President – Report in First Year in Office (1)")
	0204-A-023 to 024	Mecklenburg County Bicentennial Celebration – Charlotte, North Carolina – Gerald Ford greeting an excited crowd, 05/20/1975, 8x10, B/W [Ford White House photograph A4646-24] (Box 21, "President – Report in First Year in Office (1)")
	0204-A-025 to 026	Trip to Maryland, Fifth Annual "Our Country" Celebration at Fort McHenry, Baltimore, Maryland – Gerald and Betty Ford waving, 07/04/1975, 8x10, B/W [Ford White House photograph A5373-20] (Box 21, "President – Report in First Year in Office (1)")
	0204-A-027	Gerald Ford and Henry Kissinger at Camp David, 07/05/1975 [Ford White House photograph A5450-5] (Box 21, "President – Report in First Year in Office (1)")
	0204-A-028 to 029	Trip to Michigan, National Cherry Festival Parade, Traverse City, Michigan – Gerald and Betty Ford waving to crowd, 07/11/1975, 8x10, color [Ford White House photograph A5455-3A] (Box 21, "President – Report in First Year in Office (1)")
4	0204-A-030	Gerald Ford at the Ninth World Energy Conference in Detroit, Michigan, 09/23/1974 [Ford White House photograph A0948-29] (Box 64, "05/28/1975 – 06/03/1975 – Europe: Pictures Released to the Press in Europe Prior to the Visit")
	0204-A-031	Gerald Ford sitting with President of Italy Giovanni Leone, 09/25/1974, 8x10, B/W [Ford White House photograph A1003-33] (Box 64, "05/28/1975 – 06/03/1975 – Europe: Pictures Released to the Press in Europe Prior to the Visit")
	0204-A-032 to 033	Gerald and Betty Ford, President and Mrs. Giovanni Leone, and Mrs. Jean Tempini (interpreter) at the Reception prior to the State Dinner for President Leone, 09/25/1974, 8x10, B/W [Ford White House photograph A1012-10A] (Box 64, "05/28/1975 – 06/03/1975 – Europe: Pictures Released to the Press in Europe Prior to the Visit")
	0204-A-034	Gerald Ford talking with Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Austria Bruno Kreisky, also pictured are Finance Minister Hannes Androsch, Henry Kissinger, and Brent Scowcroft, 11/12/1974, 8x10, B/W [Ford White House photograph A1870-22A] (Box 64, "05/28/1975 – 06/03/1975 – Europe: Pictures Released to the Press in Europe Prior to the Visit")
	0204-A-035 to 036	Gerald Ford and Bruno Kreisky prior to the State Dinner, 11/12/1974, 8x10, B/W [Ford White House photograph A1883-28] (Box 64, "05/28/1975 – 06/03/1975 – Europe: Pictures Released to the Press in Europe Prior to the Visit")
	0204-A-037	Gerald Ford, Pierre Trudeau, Allan J. McEachen, and Henry Kissinger at

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4	0204-A-038 to 039	Working Stag Dinner for Prime Minister of Canada – Gerald Ford and Pierre Trudeau, 12/04/1975, 8x10, B/W [Ford White House photograph A2277-05A] (Box 64, "05/28/1975 – 06/03/1975 – Europe: Pictures Released to the Press in Europe Prior to the Visit")
	0204-A-040 to 041	Reception prior to State Dinner for Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany – Gerald Ford and Helmut Schmidt, 12/05/1974, 8x10, B/W [Ford White House photograph A2309-07] (Box 64, "05/28/1975 – 06/03/1975 – Europe: Pictures Released to the Press in Europe Prior to the Visit")
	0204-A-042	Gerald Ford and Chancellor Helmut Schmidt seated near the fireplace, talking, 12/06/1974, 8x10, B/W [Ford White House photograph A2331-01A] (Box 64, "05/28/1975 – 06/03/1975 – Europe: Pictures Released to the Press in Europe Prior to the Visit")
	0204-A-043 to 044	Prior to State Dinner for Prime Minister of Great Britain – Gerald Ford and Harold Wilson talking under chandelier, 01/30/1975, 8x10, B/W [Ford White House photograph A3035-13] (Box 64, "05/28/1975 – 06/03/1975 – Europe: Pictures Released to the Press in Europe Prior to the Visit")
	0204-A-045	Departure of Prime Minister of Great Britain – Gerald Ford and Harold Wilson under umbrellas, 01/31/1975, 8x10, B/W [Ford White House photograph A3041-08A] (Box 64, "05/28/1975 – 06/03/1975 – Europe: Pictures Released to the Press in Europe Prior to the Visit")
5	0204-A-046	Meeting to discuss current defense issues with the NATO Secretary General – Gerald Ford shaking hands with Secretary General Joseph Luns, 02/24/1975, 8x10, B/W [Ford White House photograph A3421-24A] (Box 64, "05/28/1975 – 06/03/1975 – Europe: Pictures Released to the Press in Europe Prior to the Visit")
	0204-A-047 to 048	Meeting to discuss current defense issues with the NATO Secretary General – Gerald Ford and Joseph Luns seated talking near fireplace, 02/24/1975, 8x10, B/W [Ford White House photograph A3421-34A] (Box 64, "05/28/1975 – 06/03/1975 – Europe: Pictures Released to the Press in Europe Prior to the Visit")
	0204-A-049	Gerald Ford smoking a pipe in the Oval Office, 05/07/1975, 8x10, B/W [Ford White House photograph A4412-23] (Box 64, "05/28/1975 – 06/03/1975 – Europe: Pictures Released to the Press in Europe Prior to the Visit")
	0204-A-050	Gerald Ford with pipe, 05/07/1975 [Ford White House photograph, Susan Ford 0058-11] (Box 64, "05/28/1975 – 06/03/1975 – Europe: Pictures Released to the Press in Europe Prior to the Visit")
	0204-A-051 to 052	Gerald and Betty Ford walking across the lawn of the Oval Office, 05/09/1975, 8x10, B/W [Ford White House photograph A4454-10] (Box 64, "05/28/1975 – 06/03/1975 – Europe: Pictures Released to the Press in Europe Prior to the Visit")
	0204-A-053 to 054	Gerald Ford meeting with the Prime Minister of the Netherlands Johannes

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	0204-A-055	Coffee following Stag Dinner for the Prime Minister of the Netherlands – Gerald Ford and Johannes den Uyl, 8x10, B/W, 05/14/1975 [Ford White House photograph A4548-11A] (Box 64, "05/28/1975 – 06/03/1975 – Europe: Pictures Released to the Press in Europe Prior to the Visit")
	0204-A-056 to 057	Gerald and Susan Ford embracing, 05/19/1975, 8x10, B/W [Ford White House photograph A4602-18A] (Box 64, "05/28/1975 – 06/03/1975 – Europe: Pictures Released to the Press in Europe Prior to the Visit")
	0204-A-058 to 059	Gerald Ford smoking a pipe, 05/20/1975, 8x10, B/W [Ford White House photograph A4650-16A] (Box 64, "05/28/1975 – 06/03/1975 – Europe: Pictures Released to the Press in Europe Prior to the Visit")
6	0204-A-060	Gerald Ford meeting in the Oval Office with the Olson Family, 07/21/1975 [Ford White House photograph A5602-10] (Box 137, "Photographic Office (3)")
7	0204-A-061	Ron Nessen and others on Mackinac Island, Michigan, 07/11/1975, color (Box 158, "H-R (1)")

Box 2 – Audiovisual Transfers from the Textual Collection

0204-A-003	Ron Nessen speech before the National Press Club, 01/04/1977 (60 minute audio cassette) (Box 15, "Nessen – Speech to National Press Club, 01/14/1977")
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Box 2 (continued) – Audio Diary Recordings

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~~0204 B-035 Ron Nessen Audio Diary, 12/29/1976~~
~~0204 B-036 Ron Nessen Speech to National Press Club Farewell Address, 01/14/1977~~
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